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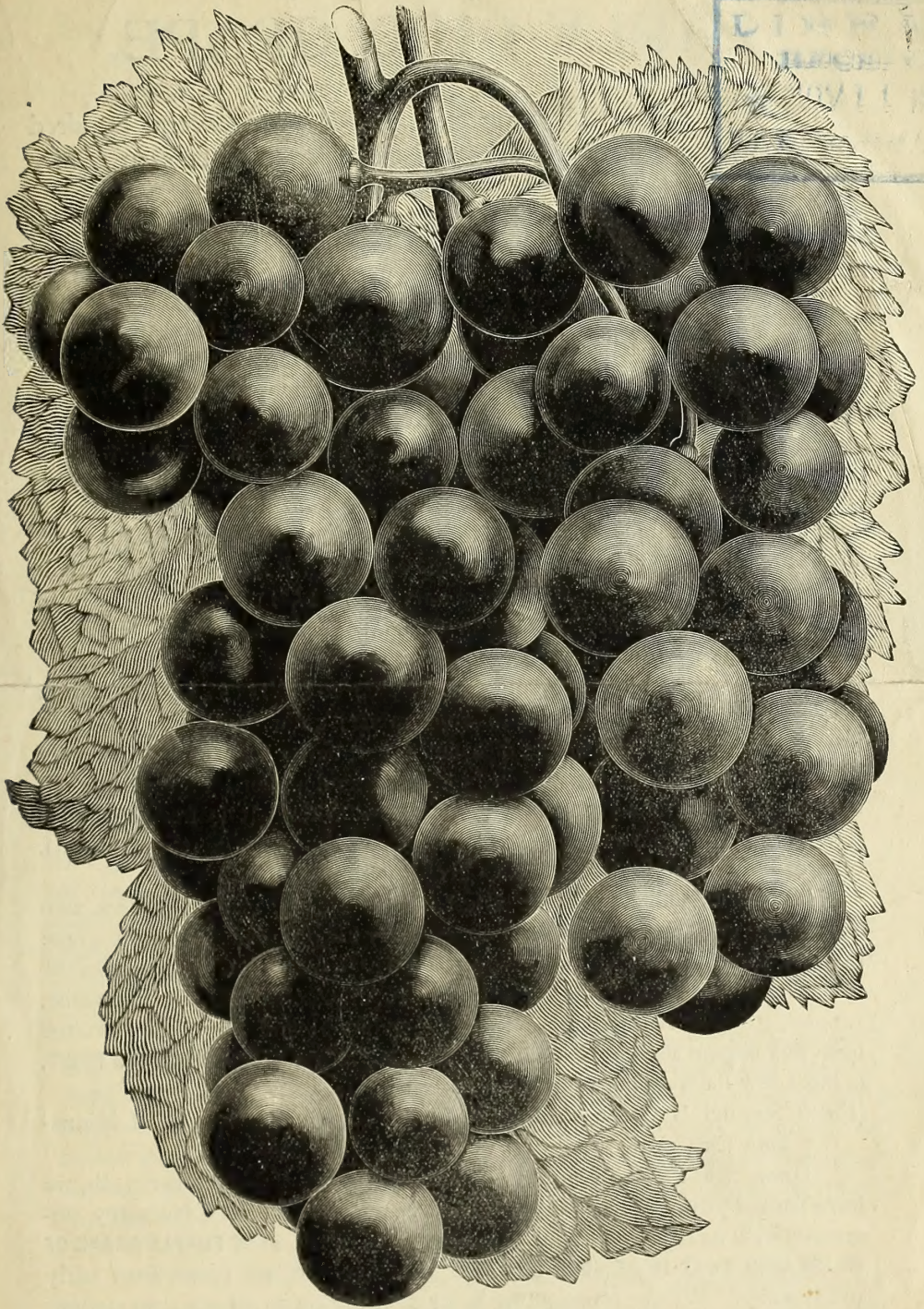




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# THE NEW EARLY BLACK GRAPE.



EARLY OHIO.

TEN DAYS EARLIER THAN MOORE'S EARLY AND THREE TIMES AS PRODUCTIVE.  
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# EARLY OHIO GRAPE.

We append the following testimonials from several hundred on file at our office, the originals of which may be seen at any time by any one interested :

(From the Bushberg Grape Growers' Manual, the standard authority on grape culture in America )

**EARLY OHIO.** (Labr. Hybr.) A chance seedling raised by R. A. Hunt, of Euclid, O. It was found in the summer of 1882 growing in his vineyard between a row of Concord and Delaware. Mr. Hunt states that the third year from seed it set **THIRTY CLUSTERS**, of which all but ten were removed; these were ripe the 20th of August. It has borne large crops every year since, **RIPENING ALWAYS A WEEK OR TEN DAYS EARLIER THAN MOORE'S EARLY, ON THE SAME SOIL AND UNDER THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES.** The vine being a strong grower, quite as hardy as the Concord, which it resembles, with abundant, healthy foliage and fruit, frequently producing a crop the first year after planting; much earlier and better in quality than Hartford, with superior shipping quality. The **EARLY OHIO** is destined to be a popular and **PROFITABLE MARKET GRAPE**, displacing the Hartford, Champion, Janesville and even Moore's Early.

Bunch large, compact, frequently shouldered; berries only medium in size and quality, yet handsome in appearance; color black, covered with a heavy bloom, and of a spicy, pleasant flavor, better than most other very early sorts and adhering tenaciously to the stem, a merit highly appreciated and sorely missed in some varieties for market. It is free from mildew and so far seems not very subject to rot. Roots abundant and fibrous, of firm fibre; wood harder than Concord, with small pith.

The **EARLY OHIO** has also been tested for wine, and Hams Brothers, who are among the best vintners of Ohio, consider it a promising red wine grape in every respect; the must weighing 104 degrees, with but  $6\frac{1}{2}$  per mille acid.

The New York Experimental Station, S. A. Beach, Horticulturist, reports, 1893: Among more than one hundred and forty kinds fruited here this season the **EARLY OHIO WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO RIPEN ITS FRUIT**, being a few days earlier than Moore's Early.

(From Samuel B. Green, Professor of Horticulture, University of Minnesota Experiment Station.)

DEAR SIRs: Replying to your postal card of November 29th, we have fruited your **EARLY OHIO** grape two years and are very favorably impressed with its behaviour as an early grape. **IT IS THE ONLY PURPLE GRAPE OF ITS SEASON THAT IS OF GOOD QUALITY.** It seems inclined to set fruit early and heavily. We are propagating it for distribution to all our trial stations and recommend it for trial.



(From J. F. C. DuPie, Horticulturist, South Carolina Experimental Station.)

GENTLEMEN : **I HAVE GROWN THE EARLY OHIO FOR TWO SEASONS.** The vine is vigorous, hardy and prolific. The fruit ripens fully ten days earlier than Moore's Early and is of a very good quality for an early grape. It is a handsome grape and does not shell from the stem.

(From Patch & Roberts, Commission Merchants, 17 North Market Street, Boston, Mass.)

Enclosed we hand you account sales and check to balance on shipment of **EARLY OHIO** grapes. As you will notice, we have netted you over 6c. per pound which we trust will be satisfactory. This being practically our first consignment of any amount of this variety, we examined them carefully and also took particular pains to get the opinion of several of our fancy fruit dealers, and the general impression is that **THEY WILL PROVE A GREAT ACQUISITION TO OUR EARLY MARKET VARIETIES.** As you are doubtless aware, they have a very tough skin and the berry clings very firmly to the stem, two qualities that will make it valuable for long distance shipment.

(From Hurd Brothers, Clintondale, N. Y.)

In reply to your inquiries regarding the **EARLY OHIO** will state that it ripens sooner than Moore's Early; berries small, small compact bunches; third year heavy bearer; hardy, and foliage healthy. Planted Moore's Early and **EARLY OHIO** same time in the same field; Moore's Early did not bear any fruit of consequence.

(From C. W. Farciot, Tallapoosa, Ga., Manager Georgia and Alabama Fruit Growing and Winery Association.)

GENTLEMEN : The different varieties of grape vines sent to me two years ago have in a general way done excellent, but the **EARLY OHIO** bears its name well. It also has stood the southern climate exceedingly well. It is a good bearer, and I have counted as high as thirty bunches of grapes on some of the vines at the second year. **IT IS THE EARLIEST GRAPE I HAVE EVER SEEN YET,** and I consider it a healthier grower than the Concord. To my calculation the **EARLY OHIO** will be the vine for the southern climate.

(From J. F. Hunt, Kendia, N. Y.)

This is the second year the **EARLY OHIO** grape has fruited with me, and it **MORE THAN SUSTAINS ITS REPUTATION OF BEING THE BEST EARLY MARKET VARIETY KNOWN.** Vines bore an immense crop; foliage very healthy, and I believe the fruit would ship **AROUND THE WORLD** without dropping the berries from the stem. One hundred vines have paid me more money than one-half an acre of Concord. Please give me lowest prices on 2,000 vines for next spring's planting.

(From George W. Marsh, Portland, N. Y.)

**EARLY OHIO HAS BORNE AN IMMENSE CROP WITH ME THIS SEASON.** Fruit ripened a week earlier than Moore's Early and netted me 5c. per pound. They were not quite as early as last season, owing to carrying such a load



of fruit. I think the worst fault of this grape is **OVERBEARING** and another season I shall thin my fruit.

(From S. P. Morse, Portland, N. Y.)

**EARLY OHIO** is all you claim for it and more. As regards earliness and productiveness, it is the **MOST PROFITABLE GRAPE I GROW.**

(From G. L. Skinner, Portland, N. Y.)

My **EARLY OHIO** vines bore a fine crop of fruit that netted me 8c. per pound. Shall plant more in the spring.

(From Irving Deyo, Highland, N. Y.)

**EARLY OHIO** did well the past year. Was a week to ten days earlier than Moore's Early; foliage healthy; vines bore a fine crop.

(From C. W. Lockwood, Middlehope, N. Y.)

With me the **EARLY OHIO** grape is a strong grower and enormously productive. Cannot compare it with Moore's Early, as I do not grow the latter, but it ripens a week earlier than Champion and is a much better grape every way; bunches good size and very compact.

(From C. F. Love & Co., Commission Merchants, 89 South Water Street, Chicago, Ill.)

Your consignment of **EARLY OHIO** grapes all sold; average price 8c. Can you ship more? Can use them in much larger quantities to good advantage.

(From J. A. Westerland, General Agent Scandinavian Colony of the Alabama Fruit Growing and Winery Association, Fruithurst, Cleburne County, Ala.)

It was my good fortune to visit the Chautauqua, (N. Y.) grape section last August. While there I visited several vineyards of the new grape known as the **EARLY OHIO**. Without an exception all were heavily loaded with handsome clusters of fruit, which were fully ripe at that time, while Moore's Early and Cottage were just beginning to color and Concord showed no color whatever. I took some of them home with me and was greatly impressed with the keeping qualities. I believe **THEY ARE THE COMING GRAPE FOR THE SOUTH** on account of their earliness, vigor, shipping qualities, etc. I shall advise my people to plant all they can of them.

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